

1                                   **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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3   In the Matter of

Case No. MD-06-0318A

4   **LARRY PAUL PUTNAM, M.D.**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT  
FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

5   Holder of License No. **9233**  
6   For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
   In the State of Arizona.

7                                   **INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

8           By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and  
9   Larry Paul Putnam, M.D., ("Respondent") the parties agree to the following disposition of this  
10   matter.

11           1.     Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement and the  
12   stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement").  
13   Respondent acknowledges that he understands he has the right to consult with legal counsel  
14   regarding this matter.

15           2.     By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily  
16   relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters  
17   alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the Board,  
18   and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent  
19   Agreement.

20           3.     This Interim Consent Agreement will not become effective until signed by the  
21   Executive Director.

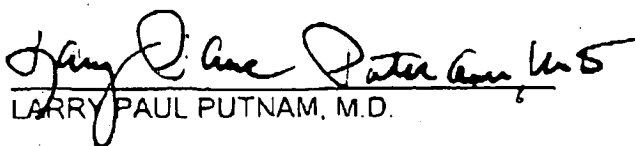
22           4.     All admissions made by Respondent are solely for interim disposition of this matter  
23   and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and  
24   Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended or made for any  
25   other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency

1 proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or any other state or  
2 federal court.

3 5. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Upon signing this  
4 agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to the Executive Director,  
5 Respondent may not revoke acceptance of the Interim Consent Agreement. Any modifications  
6 to this Interim Consent Agreement are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the  
7 parties.

8 6. This Interim Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that  
9 will be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the National  
10 Practitioner Databank and on the Board's website.

11 7. If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or otherwise  
12 unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety shall remain in  
13 force and effect.

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16 LARRY PAUL PUTNAM, M.D.

Dated: 24 Apr 2006

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 9233 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. On February 6, 2006 Wal-Mart Pharmacy ("Wal-Mart") contacted the Board regarding a prescription phoned-in by Physician for 90 tablets of Ambien for patient D.S. Physician presented to the Wal-Mart pharmacy to pick up the prescription and was told by Wal-Mart personnel that D.S. must pick up the prescription in person. Physician paid for the prescription and D.S. later picked it up. On February 7, 2006 Physician was interviewed by the Board's contracted addiction medicine specialist. Physician indicated he did not have a problem with alcohol or substance abuse and provided the names of his treating physicians.

4. On April 17, 2006 Wal-Mart again contacted the Board. Wal-Mart indicated Physician presented to the pharmacy to refill an Ambien prescription for his mother. Wal-Mart also advised that since March 6, 2005 Physician had filled prescriptions for Ambien in large amounts in his mother's name.

5. On April 18, 2006 Dr. Sucher made numerous attempts to contact Physician and eventually discovered that Physician had been admitted to a hospital in Tucson, Arizona.

6. Based on the information in the Board's possession there is evidence that if Respondent were to practice medicine in Arizona there would be a danger to the public health and safety.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Executive Director may enter into a consent agreement with a physician if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety. A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25); A.A.C. R4-16-404.

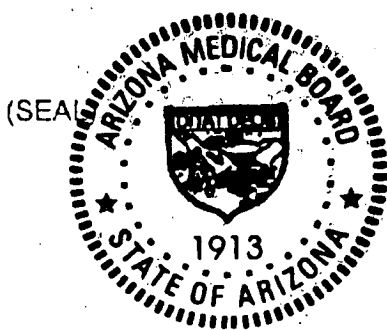
ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent shall not practice clinical medicine or any medicine involving direct patient care, and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment including prescription medications, until Respondent applies to the Board and receives permission to do so.

2. This is an interim order and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigative file and as such is subject to further consideration by the Board.

DATED and effective this 24 day of April, 2006.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By Amadea Dick  
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.  
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2006 with:

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by  
US Mail this 24<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL,  
2006 to:

Larry Paul Putnam, M.D.  
(address of record)

Larry Paul Putnam